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**Actor Kills Real Bull in Course of Drama**  
 Mexico City.—A real bullfight featured the recent presentation here of Manuel Penella's play, "The Wild Cat," in which such a spectacle is included, although in the United States the encounter took place behind the scenes.

A gala performance of the show was staged in the bull ring, and Antonio Segura, the bullfight-tenor of the play, acquitted himself creditably when he faced and killed the bull against which he was pitted.

During his youthful days in Sevilla Segura toyed with the cape and banderillas before he discovered the stage was a safer and more profitable profession than that of the toreador.

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# MERELY A LOVE STORY

By MARTHA WILLIAMS  
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Clouds lowered but spring was in the air. Amy felt it inarticulately, but her housemates, the Bradleys, were so literal-minded they resented as "highfalutin" open cognizance of things immaterial. Therefore she was glad to be walking alone through naked woodland. With five hundred a year secured her for life, the Bradleys thought her enviable among young women. They begged her to stay with them as "one of the family," but she had been too wise to agree. Therefore she paid them—very, very moderately—in currency of the commonwealth, much more in kindly service, and but scantily in gratitude. Parting would be no wrench if she were lucky enough to bring it to pass.

Madame Carey, the local great lady, an absentee for ten months of the year, was now home for her annual visit, and had let it be known that she wanted a capable younger woman to go back with her to the city under a sliding agreement. If they suited each other something might come of it; if not, no special harm would have been done. She would pay expenses—anything more was for later consideration.

The Carve place was so big and handsome, Amy thought upon coming to it; what a shame it stood deserted so much of the time. Even with madame in residence it held to its air of desolation. Amy came to it by the back way, through orchards rather ragged and weedy, that ran on to a stretch of turf hardly less ragged, which gave finally upon a rose garden still ungainly in winter swathings. Three minutes later she was standing disconsolate before an inopportune butler, who had just said madame was away—till five in the afternoon he was sure. He held the door half shut, a tall thin man stood within it, asking civilly: "Will you leave a message with me, young lady? I'll deliver it straight."

"Thank you—but it would only trouble you for nothing," Amy answered, with a sudden vivid consciousness that the tall man had been in the rose garden, while she passed. He must have followed her inside by another entrance. She wondered why. The wonder deepened as he said personally: "Better let me judge of that. Madame is my stepmother, and we are commonly of one mind about things. By telling me what is on your mind, I can at least settle how far you and I are likely to agree."

More words went back and forth, with the upshot of them a conference in the library before a delightful fire of hickory logs. It lasted till the inopportune butler blurted out, sticking his head inside: "Luncheon's on the table, Mr. Carey; then sighting Amy: "Plenty for two—shall I put another plate?" Amy rose protesting—again she found herself overborne. Thus she ate from Carey china, with Carey silver, old and beautifully kept, her eyes the while further enchanted by the fine lofty old room, many-windowed, with pictures in all the spaces between. Her host noted the gazing. Presently he asked tentatively: "You like it here?"

"Like is no word for it," Amy answered; "but—the pity of it. So much grace and beauty shut in darkness most of the time."  
 "That's my notion," Cliff Carey returned; "but there seems no help for it. Madame has nobody but me to cherish her—she hates the place—for reasons, of course—but will not part with it—she wants to pass it down to me. So we go along, each half a heart-break to the other. By the way, I believe this new plan of hers is meant in a way to give me greater freedom."

Said Amy: "Do you want it?"  
 He smiled. "A year of it—after that—I won't let myself think further—running loose might make a different man of me."  
 Amy insisted upon going the way she had come. Cliff Carey went with her to the very verge of the rose garden. As they passed the rebelstem he smiled whimsically, saying: "I'm sure it will remember—when it blooms. Somehow, you seem not easily forgotten."

He was the same, Amy decided. Though she saw no more of him for months, he was never long out of her mind. Madame Carey had been a little doubtful at first, but after a fortnight had insisted upon clinching the bargain—Amy to stay a year with her as daughter of the house, to see and hear and rejoice in things proper for that personage; Cliff the while sailing all round the big world, dawdling where it pleased him, making airplane flights when the itch for speed laid hold upon him.

Amy had come to a tragic understanding of madame's piteous case. Hale and stately as she seemed, life for her hung by a thread. Thus she dared not travel, neither to stay far from her specialist. He might not be needed once a year, but when the need came he meant life or death.

"Dear son to me that Cliff has always been," madame told Amy, "I felt his indifference to things I cared for—

# STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

**Ashland.**—After a separation of 43 years, during which time they thought each other dead, Andrew D. Whitney, 93, Prescott, Ariz., pioneer, and his daughter, Mrs. Julia Cole of Ashland, were united here Friday.

**Bend.**—Their mother killed by a ruthless hunter, twin fawns were brought to Bend from the mountains beyond Prineville Saturday by a game warden. The orphans were placed in the state park at the Tumalo fish hatchery.

**Vernonia.**—At the regular meeting of the city council it was decided to ask the county court of Columbia county to vacate the county road which is part of the inland highway through this city so that it could be paved under the bonding provisions of the Bancroft act.

**Milton.**—Fire from smut explosion destroyed the wheat separator and nearby straw stack on the Alva Shumway ranch, five miles up Coose creek, south of this city, Friday afternoon. This was the third day in succession that grain fires had destroyed separators and grain fields near this city.

**The Dalles.**—The Wasco county wheat crop will average around 20 bushels to the acre, with some stands of 25 and 30 bushels to the acre, and in a few exceptional cases as high as 40 bushels to the acre, according to County Agent Daigh, who Saturday completed a survey of the county's grain fields.

**Hillsboro.**—Banks is to have electric lights. The poles has been completed and the poles distributed by the Puget Sound Light & Power company. The line is to extend across country from a point near the Masonic home and will also serve farmers along the line, a number of whom have signed five-year contracts.

**Salem.**—As a food product there is no substitute for that which comes from the dairy in that it contributes to the growth and development of both mind and body, according to the affirmative argument filed with the secretary of state here Saturday in connection with the oleomargarine and condensed milk bill that will go before the voters at the November election.

**Eugene.**—Billy, the 7-year-old son of S. R. Stevenson, Eugene druggist, was seriously injured when a railroad torpedo exploded while he was stooping over it Friday evening. The family was visiting at Brownsville and a playmate of Billy's exploded the torpedo by striking it with a rock. The child's eyes were injured but it was not believed that he would lose his sight.

**Salem.**—The public service commission issued an order here Saturday dismissing the complaint filed by the Inland Auto company and 25 other firms and individuals with relation to the service of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company in the city of Prineville. It was said that the telephone corporation had improved its service to meet the requirements of the complainants.

**Salem.**—Extending compulsory insurance under the workmen's compensation act to include all hazardous occupations was declared to be practical and a step in the right direction in the affirmative argument filed with the secretary of state here in connection with the so-called compulsory workmen's compensation amendment which will go before the voters at the November election.

**Brownsville.**—A temporary shutdown was put in force at the Brownsville woolen mill this week. High cost of wool, lack of market for products and low water in river and millrace were given as causes. Several dozen workmen are out of employment. The Brownsville woolen mill store has been moved to Albany, and Harvey A. Walker, who was manager here, has been sent to Albany.

**Mill City.**—The small creeks in this vicinity are at the lowest water mark any of the old timers can remember. Rock creek, which usually furnishes good fishing most of the summer, now has but very little water in it, all of which is being diverted through the Hammond Lumber company log pond in an effort to keep the pond at a working level. The Santiam river is also very low for this time of year.

**Eugene.**—Eugene was the sixth city in the Pacific northwest in amount of building permits during June, according to statistics received by W. H. Alexander, city building inspector. The number of permits issued during that month was 56 and the estimated cost was \$207,900. This was within \$30,000 of the figures given out by Spokane, a city many times as large as Eugene. Salem's figures for the month were \$59,405 and those at Astoria, which is rebuilding after the great fire, were but \$170,826.

**The Florida Keys**  
 The Florida keys are a group of islands or reefs which stretch in a curved line, 200 miles long, from Biscayne bay to the Gulf of Mexico. They are a remarkable example of coral formation, and most of them are submerged in high tide. They contain numerous good harbors, the most important being Key West, where a naval station is situated, which is a connecting link with principal eastern coast cities. The railroad from Key West to the mainland, over the water from island to island, a distance of 134 miles, is considered one of the greatest of modern engineering feats.

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**His Grace in Friendship.**  
 Jimmie wanted to go to Donald's house, but mother hesitated giving permission, because Donald was a new boy in the neighborhood. Whereupon Jimmie said: "He's all right. He liked me the third best of all the boys in school."

**Paper Making in China.**  
 The only modern type paper mill in China failed. Four special papers made by old methods are: Bark paper, from the paper mulberry; so-called rice paper, sliced from a pith; coarse paper from rice straw, and bamboo paper.

**A Sea Desert.**  
 In the South Pacific ocean, west of Patagonia, is a sea-desert which contains so few forms of marine life that, it is claimed, whales and sharks frequently die of hunger before they find their way out.

**Making Bad Diamonds Good.**  
 Until recently yellow diamonds were difficult to sell. Now the stone is placed over a small hole in a block of lead. Radium rays are directed into this hole, and slowly a change takes place.

**Odd Cause for Rejoicing.**  
 Nothing tickles us as much as having Opportunity knock at a woman's door when she's away somewhere playing bridge.—Buffalo Evening Times.

**Measured by the Soul.**  
 The most gracious things in life are the commonest, and these are to be gained not by large fortunes but by large souls.—Bishop Westcott.

**Definition of Speech.**  
 Speech is a pump, by which we raise and pour out the water from the great lake of thought—whether it flows back again.—John Sterling.

**Wail Heard in All Ages.**  
 How great a pity that we should not feel for what end we are born into this world, till just as we are leaving it.—Walsingham.

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